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SUBJ: REPUBLICA CASE

SUMMARY: RC AGREED TO REOPEN REPUBLICA BUT NOT TO DISMISS
OFFENDING WORKERS. SOCIALISTS INCLINED TO ACCEPT THIS
COMPROMISE SOLUTION. RC SPOKESMAN SAYS LAW SHOULD BE REWRITTEN
IN WAY WHICH WOULD MAKE WORKER TAKEOVERS LEGAL, THUS PUTTING
PRESSURE ON PS FOR QUICK SOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MET JUNE 6 AND DECIDED THAT "REPUBLICA"
WILL REOPEN AS SOON AS MANAGEMENT MAKES FORMAL REQUEST TO MILITARY
AUTHORITIES WHO SEALED OFFICES AT REQUEST OF MANGEMENT.
DECISION PROHIBITS BOTH (A) PURGES OF PAPER'S MANGEMENT SOUGHT
BY WORKERS, AND (B) TRANSFERS OF WORKERS, WHICH MANAGEMENT SOUGHT
FOLLOWING OUTBREAK OF DISPUTE. DECISION ALSO STATES THAT
EXISTING PRESS LAW MAY BE INADEQUATE IN REVOLUTIONARY
CONTEXT AND RECOMMENDS THAT COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY PROCEED
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IMMEDIATELY TO REVISION OF LAW.

2. RC MEMBER CPT VASCO LOURENCO MADE CLARIFYING STATEMENT WHEN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED EMPHASIZING THAT PRESS LAW WOULD HAVE TO BE REVISED. THIS REMAKR AND PREVIOUS RC STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT SUGGEST THAT WHAT RC MAY HAVE IN MIND IS A LAW WHICH WILL LEGALIZE WORKER CONTROL.

3. DESPITE LOURENCO STATEMENT WITH ITS IMPLIED THREAT AND THE FACT THAT OFFENDING TYPOTRAPHERS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED, SOCIALIST FIRST REACTION IS, IN WORDS OF PS LEADER SOTTOMAYOR CARDIA, TO CALL IT A "VICTORY", "REPUBLICA" EDITOR RAUL REGO'S INCLINATION IS TO PUT REPUBLICA BACK INTO OPERATION NEXT WEEK, BUT AS OF JUNE 7 HE HAD NOT CONSULTED WITH HIS EDITORIAL STAFF ON QUESTION OF REOPENING. COMMENT: RC STATEMENT IS IN PART RATIONALIZATION AND AN UNSTABLE COMPROMISE SOLUTION (ASSUMING SOCIALISTS ACCEPT) AT BEST. IT'S SOUR GRAPES TIME AND LOURENCO'S HINT THAT PS HAD BETTER SETTLE NOW BEFORE PRESS LAW IS REWRITTEN DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR AN EASING OF THE TENSION BETWEEN THE AFM AND THE PS. CARLUCCI

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